

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) considered the documents under this agenda item and offers the following comments and suggestions.

1. GAP start date in September: Referencing the [Draft September Agenda](#), the GAP is scheduled to start on Saturday, Sept. 8. However, there are four items (West Coast EBFM Roadmap, Fishery Ecosystem Plan 5-year Review, Climate and Communities Initiative update and Halibut 2A Catch Sharing Plan Preliminary Changes) that day on which the GAP may want to comment. We suggest starting the GAP on Friday, Sept. 7, and ending on Monday, Sept. 10.
2. Placeholder for cost recovery report: Looking at the [Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance agenda](#) (YAG), the November Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for 6.8 days. In an effort to help reduce some of those days, we suggest moving the cost recovery report (currently shaded in November) to September (in April 2018, National Marine Fisheries Service [NMFS] indicated intent to bring the cost recovery report to one of the fall Pacific Fishery Management Council meetings). This is an important issue to the GAP and we understood a detailed report would be available at one of the fall meetings.
3. Amendment 28 EFH/RCA check-in/update: This issue remains important to the GAP and request it be unshaded and scheduled for the September meeting.
4. Endangered Species Act Seabird Mitigation: The GAP requests this be unshaded and scheduled for the September meeting.
5. Omnibus Follow-on Actions: This is a shaded item for the April meeting on the Preliminary YAG agenda. This could be moved to March to free up time on the April agenda.
6. Electronic monitoring (EM) in the whiting/fixed gear fisheries: The GAP suggests the Council schedule another adhoc Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Policy Advisory and Technical Advisory Committee (GEMPAC/TAC) meeting in September to fully vet outstanding EM issues, such as review rates and confidentiality requirements. The GAP understands that several critical components of the EM program are intended to be in the vessel monitoring plans rather than in the regulation itself. The GAP further believes the GEMPAC/TAC is the right forum to discuss those issues in depth and provide additional recommendations to the Council and NMFS.
7. Yelloweye Rockfish Absolute Abundance Survey Concept: As the GAP stated in our [April report](#) under future workload planning, we continue to support inclusion of this issue on the September 2018 Council and advisory body agendas under Preliminary Topic Selection for Methodology Review Planning (COP25).

8. Skate historical catch reconstruction workshop: The GAP requests a groundfish panel representative be included in the workshop review panel.

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